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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated April 7, 2006, in connection with the patent application identified above. Applicants believe that no extension-of-time or related fee is required for this Amendment and Response or the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-1700. Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.